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By: **Harford County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Harford County - Liquor Control Board - Disclosure**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing that the members and employees of the Harford  
4 County Liquor Control Board are subject to provisions of law regarding financial  
5 disclosure, conflicts of interest, and lobbying activities; requiring members and  
6 employees of the Liquor Control Board to provide certain disclosure; and  
7 generally relating to the Harford County Liquor Control Board.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
10 Section 15-201(b)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

13 BY adding to  
14 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
15 Section 15-205(i)(4)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
19 Article - State Government  
20 Section 15-601  
21 Annotated Code of Maryland  
22 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

23 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
24 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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**Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

2 15-201.

3 (b) (1) Except in Harford County, the liquor control board shall consist of  
4 three members in each county. Those persons who are members of the respective  
5 boards on June 1, 1947, shall continue as such for the balance of the period for which  
6 they may have been appointed or elected, according to the terms and conditions of  
7 their original appointment or election. Provided that in Montgomery County, effective  
8 July 1, 1951, there is hereby created the position of director of the Department of  
9 Liquor Control, who shall be the chief administrative officer of said Department of  
10 Liquor Control.

11 (2) (I) In Harford County, the Liquor Control Board consists of 5  
12 members.

13 (II) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THE CODE OR  
14 LOCAL LAW, THE MEMBERS OF THE HARFORD COUNTY LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD ARE  
15 SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS REGARDING FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE, CONFLICTS OF  
16 INTEREST, AND LOBBYING ACTIVITIES UNDER TITLE 15, SUBTITLE 5, PART I, AND  
17 SUBTITLES 6 AND 7 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

18 15-205.

19 The liquor control board of each county shall have full power and authority  
20 within its county:

21 (i) (4) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THE CODE OR LOCAL  
22 LAW, EMPLOYEES OF THE HARFORD COUNTY LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD ARE SUBJECT  
23 TO THE PROVISIONS REGARDING FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE, CONFLICTS OF INTEREST,  
24 AND LOBBYING ACTIVITIES FOUND IN TITLE 15, SUBTITLE 5, PART I, AND SUBTITLES  
25 6 AND 7 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

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**Article - State Government**

27 15-601.

28 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, and subject to  
29 subsections (c) and (d) of this section, each official and candidate for office as a State  
30 official shall file a statement as specified in §§ 15-602 through 15-608 of this subtitle.

31 (b) Financial disclosure by a judge of a court under Article IV, § 1 of the  
32 Constitution, a candidate for elective office as a judge, or a judicial appointee as  
33 defined in Maryland Rule 16-814 is governed by § 15-610 of this subtitle.

34 (c) (1) An individual who is a public official only as a member of a board or  
35 who is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Health Care Foundation  
36 established under § 2-501 of the Health - General Article and who receives annual  
37 compensation that is less than 25% of the lowest annual compensation at State grade

1 level 16 shall file the statement required by subsection (a) of this section in  
2 accordance with § 15-609 of this subtitle.

3           (2)       A MEMBER OR EMPLOYEE OF THE HARFORD COUNTY LIQUOR  
4 CONTROL BOARD SHALL FILE THE STATEMENT REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (A) OF  
5 THIS SECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 15-609 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

6           (d)       A commissioner or an applicant for appointment as commissioner of a  
7 bicounty commission shall file the statement required by subsection (a) of this section  
8 in accordance with Subtitle 8, Part III of this title.

9       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
10 October 1, 1999.